

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 13 and 16. Please amend claims 14, 15, 17 and 18 as follows:

14. (once amended) A method for managing access to a service comprising the steps of:

a1 (A) delegating, to a delegatee by a delegator, one or more permissions, wherein the one or more permissions comprise authority to access the service and to delegate one or more further permissions to one or more subsequent delegates and wherein the one or more permissions are represented using a digital signature based on a private key;

(B) receiving from at least one of said permitted delegates data representing credential information relating to said one or more permissions, wherein said data is included in a URL, over a second computer network; and

(C) providing access to the service to at least one of said permitted delegates over said second computer network.

15. (once amended) A method for managing access to a service comprising the steps of:

(A) delegating, to a delegatee by a delegator, one or more permissions, wherein the one or more permissions comprise authority to access the service and to delegate one or more further permissions to one or more subsequent delegates and wherein the one or more permissions are represented using a digital signature;

(B) receiving from at least one of said permitted delegates data representing credential information relating to said one or more permissions, wherein said data is included in a cookie within an http request, over a second computer network; and

(C) providing access to the service to at least one of said permitted delegates over said second computer network.

17. (once amended) A system for managing access to a service comprising:
a delegation device that delegates to a delegatee from a delegator one or more permissions, wherein the one or more permissions comprise authority to delegate one or more further permissions to one or more subsequent delegates and wherein the one or more permissions are represented using a digital signature based on a private key;
one or more first servers that receive from at least one of said permitted delegates data representing credential information relating to said one or more permissions in a URL over a second computer network; and that provide access to the service to at least one of said permitted delegates over said second computer network.

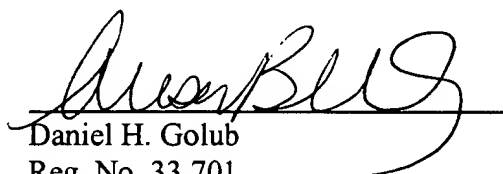
18. (once amended) A system for managing access to a service comprising:
a delegation device that delegates to a delegatee from a delegator one or more permissions, wherein the one or more permissions comprise authority to delegate one or more further permissions to one or more subsequent delegates and wherein the one or more permissions are represented using a digital signature;
one or more first servers that receive from at least one of said permitted delegates data representing credential information relating to said one or more permissions in a cookie within an http request over a second computer network; and that provide access to the service to at least one of said permitted delegates over said second computer network.

A marked up version of the claims, showing the amendments thereto, is attached hereto. Support for the amendments can be found at least at page 10, paragraphs 51 and

52, of the specification. No new matter has been added. The applicants request consideration and allowance of the pending claims as amended.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amounts due in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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